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Attached Amendment to Final Office

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XML and the Industry

-Standards

- W3C open standard on Feb 10, 1998.
- OMG XMI - March 23, 1999
- Additional standards in progress:
 - XLink/XPointer, Namespaces, XSL, RDF, DOM, SAX, Web-DAV

-Support is exploding

- 40+ books on Amazon.com in < 1 year
- XML supported by Adobe, ArborText, DSTC, HP, IBM, Microsoft, Netscape, Oracle, Platinum, Unisys, Select, Sun, Xerox
- Web, publishing, repositories, modeling, databases/warehouses, services, financial, health care, semiconductors, ...



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XML benefits

- XML is system & vendor independent
- Proven with HTML on the web
- Metadata delivery via the web
- Validation, tool support, low cost of entry
- Advanced linking across the net
- Stylesheets for views, transforms
- Widespread industry support



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Object Management Group

- Open, vendor-neutral, international, widely-recognized, rapid standardization process
- Over 800 members
- Approx. 90 technology processes underway, ranging from networking infrastructure to Air Traffic Control
- Strong liaison with ISO, ITU-T, W3C, TINA-C, etc.
- Liaison recently established with the Meta Data Coalition



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Why OMG for Metadata Standards?

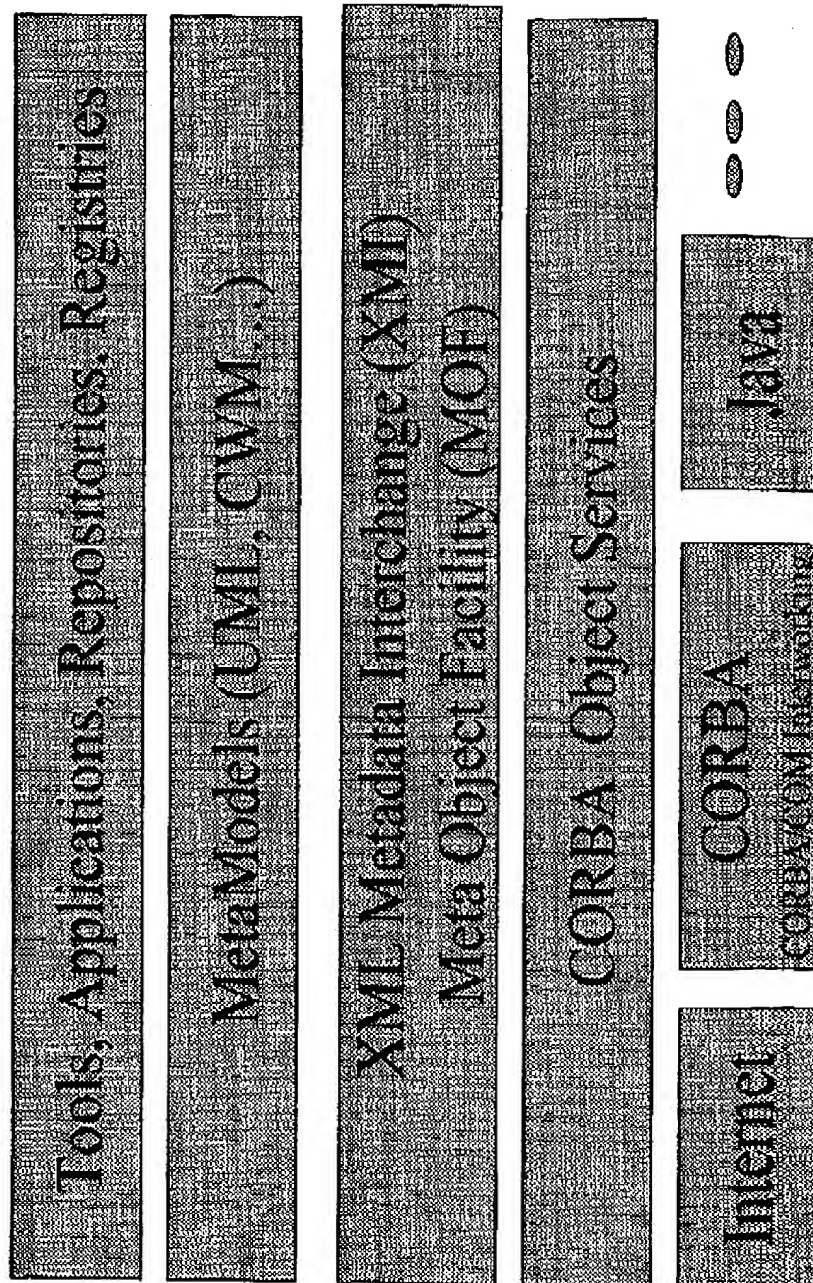
- OMG understands heterogenous interoperability & technology evolution
 - OMA, CORBA, IIOP, UML, XMI, MOF...
 - OMG is not just about CORBA anymore!
- Open standards process that works
 - Strong architectural foundation in CORBA, MOF, and UML
 - XMI happened from inception to adoption in about a year
- The place where technology integration via an open process is happening rapidly
 - XMI Unifies UML, MOF and XML so developers can model, manage and publish metadata to the web in a standard manner

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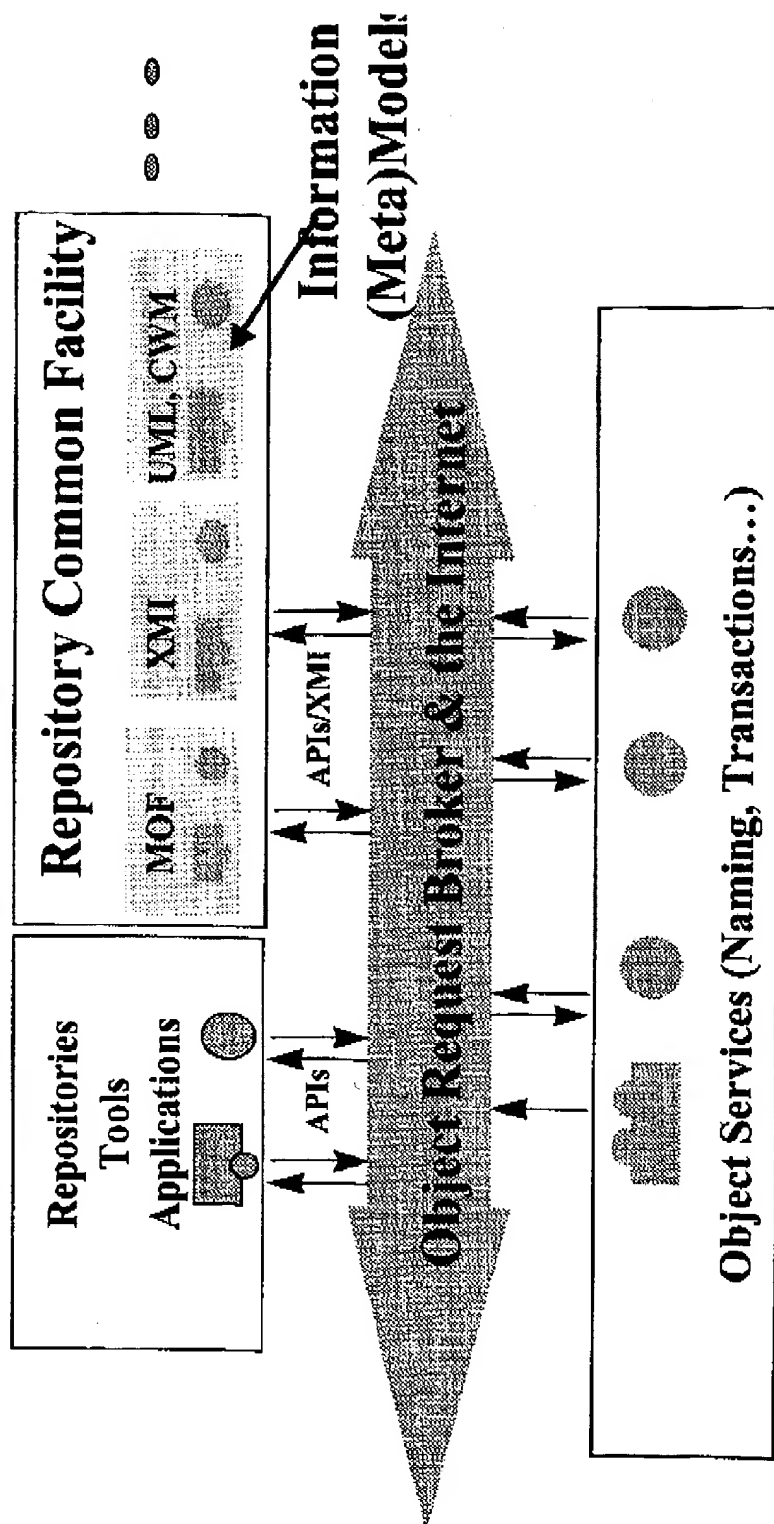
OMG Repository and Modeling Architecture



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OMG Distributed Metadata Architecture



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Purpose and Benefits of XMI

- Purpose
 - Vendor and middleware neutral open interchange format for metadata in distributed environments
 - Start with modeling and programming metadata, expand to datawarehouse, components, registries...
- Benefits
 - Works with the Internet and builds on existing industry standards (XML, UML, MOF...)
 - Easy for vendors to implement in current products
 - Loosely coupled architecture
 - Breaks the wall between incompatible tools, repositories and applications across the Internet



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XMI : The Players

- Technology Submitted by:

Unisys, IBM, DSTC, Oracle, Platinum,
Fujitsu, Softeam, Reccerca, Daimler-Benz

- Technology Submission Supported by:

Genesis, Inline, Rational, Select, Sprint, Cayenne,
Sybase, Xerox, MCI Systemhouse, Boeing, Ardent,
Aviatis, ICONIX, Integrated Systems, Verilog,
Telefonica I+D, Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya,
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Overview of XMI

- Use W3C Extensible Markup Language (XML) for the transfer syntax and interchange format
 - Specify XML Document Type Definitions (DTD) to enable transfer and verification of
 - MOF based meta(models) and their instances (Allows use of XMI in new domains - Data Warehouse, Components, Business Applications...)
 - UML based models (using UML DTD)
- Specify a precise MOF to XML mapping
 - Allows interchange of any MOF based metamodel and corresponding models (MOF--> XML Stream)
 - Enables automatic generation of DTDs for any MOF based metamodel (MOF --> XML DTD)
- Use UML for (meta)model design



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OMG Meta Object Facility (MOF)

- OMG's Repository interoperability standard
- Uses UML notation and modeling constructs
- Allows Information (meta) model design using UML
- Provides distributed metadata service APIs (MOF to CORBA IDL transformation rules)
- Provides distributed metadata interchange using XMI (MOF to XML transformation rules)
- The transformation rules are part of the standard

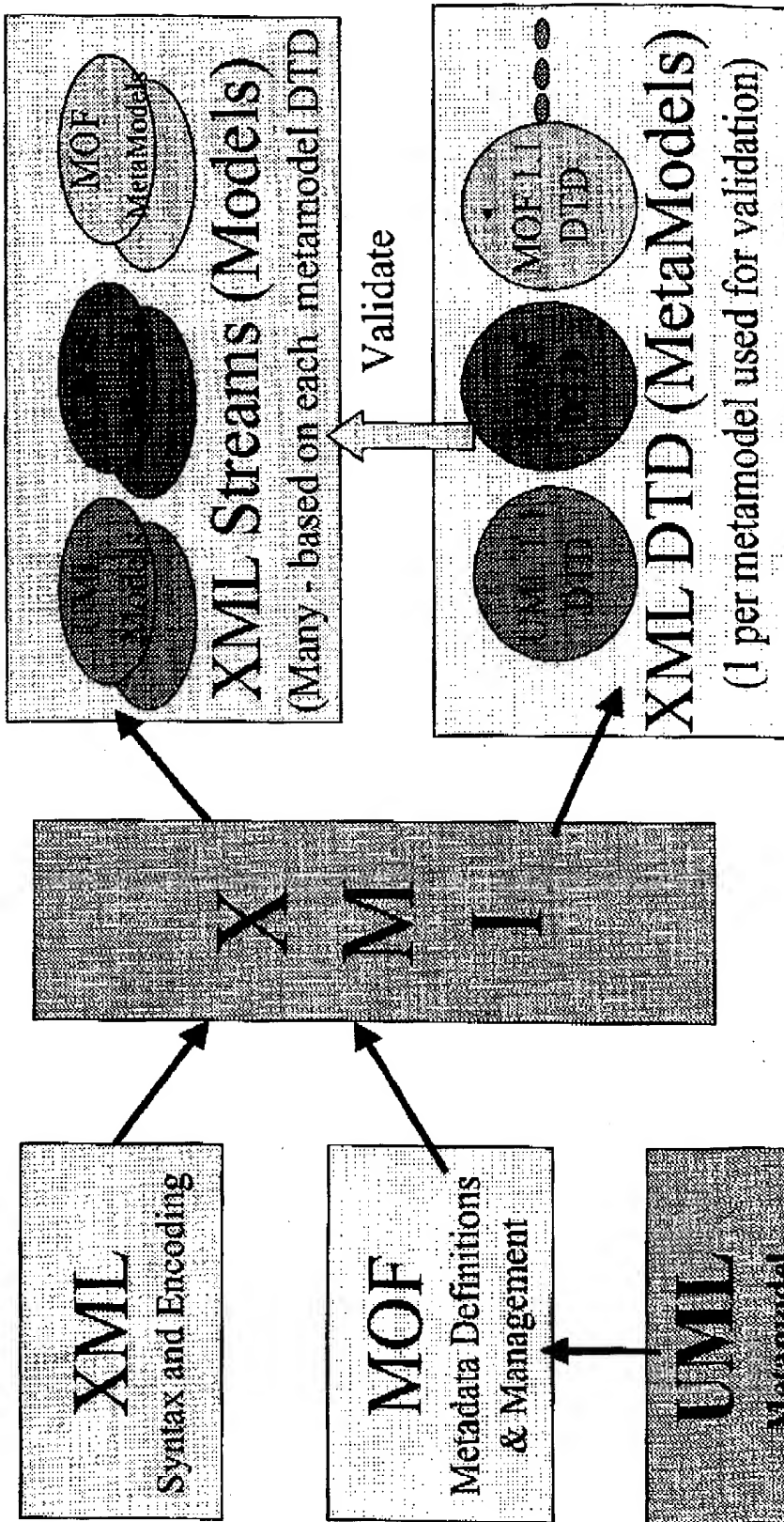
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XMI Simplified

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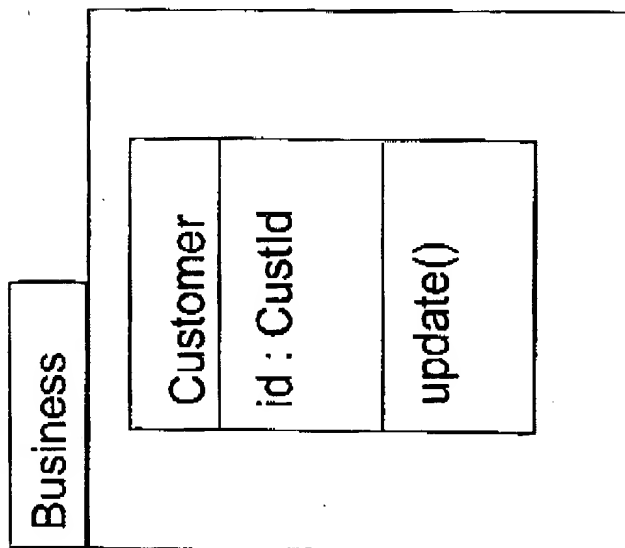


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XMI - Hello World!



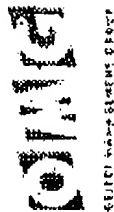
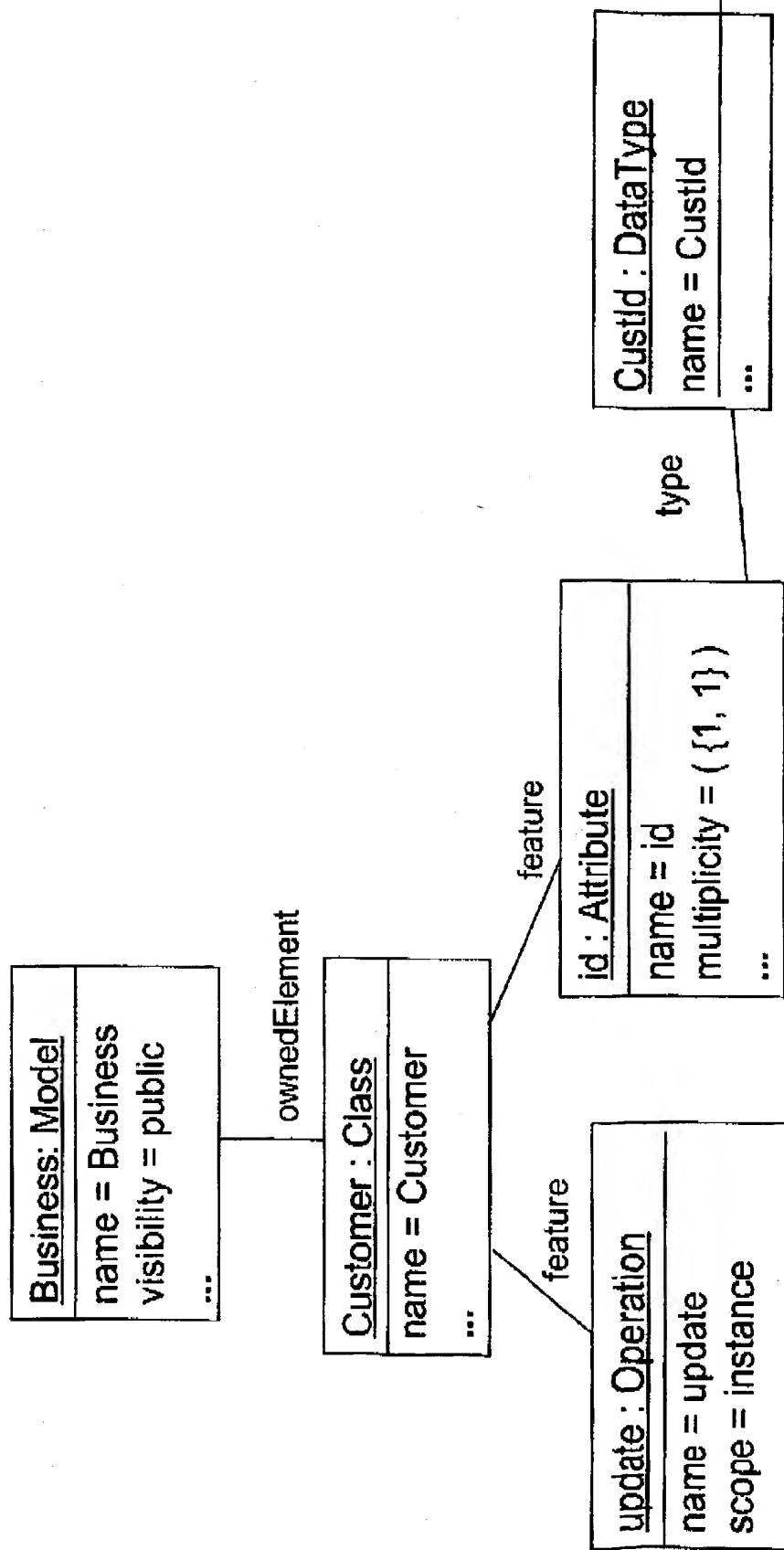
Let us Pretend that this is a
trivial (meta)model
or schema

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As a Metamodel based on MOF

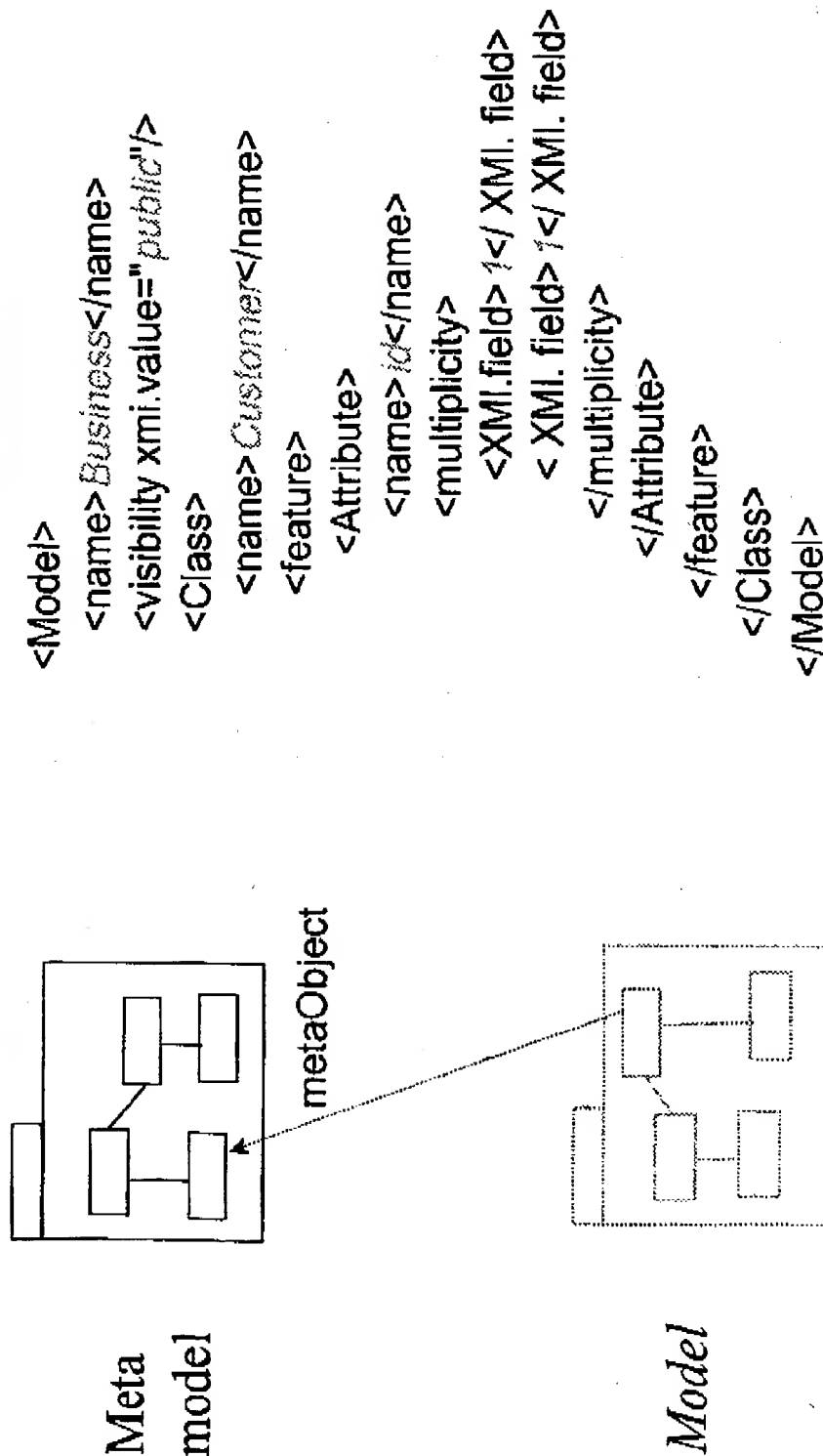
UML Object Diagram



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Tags from metamodel,

Content from model



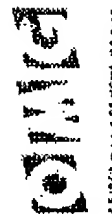
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As an XML Document Fragment

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<!-- Document Prologue, etc. -->
<Model xmi.id="a1"> <name>Business</name><visibility xmi.value="public"/>
<ownedElement>
  <Class xmi.id="a7"><name>Customer</name>
    <feature>
      <Attribute><name>id</name>
        <multiplicity><XML.field>1</ XML.field>
          <XML.field>1</ XML.field></multiplicity>
        <type>< DataType href="ja247"/></type>
      </Attribute>
      <Operation><name>update</name>
        <scope xmi.value="instance"/>
      </Operation>
    </feature>
  </Class>
</ownedElement>
</Model>
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UML DTD Fragment (UML 1.1 DTD)

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<!ELEMENT Class      (name, visibility, isRoot, isLeaf, isAbstract, isActive,
XML.extension*,
constraint*, requirement*, provision*, stereotype*,
elementReference*, collaboration*, partition?,
template?, view*, presentation*,
namespace?, behavior*, binding?
implementation*, generalization*, specialization*,
parameter*, structuralFeature*, specification*,
associationEnd*, participant*, createAction*,
instance*, classifierRole*, realization*,
classifierInState*, taggedValue*, ownedElement*,
feature*)?>

<!ATTLIST Class XML.element.att; XML.link.att;>
<!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA | XML.reference)*>
<!ELEMENT feature (Feature| StructuralFeature| Attribute| BehavioralFeature| Operation|
Method Reception)*>

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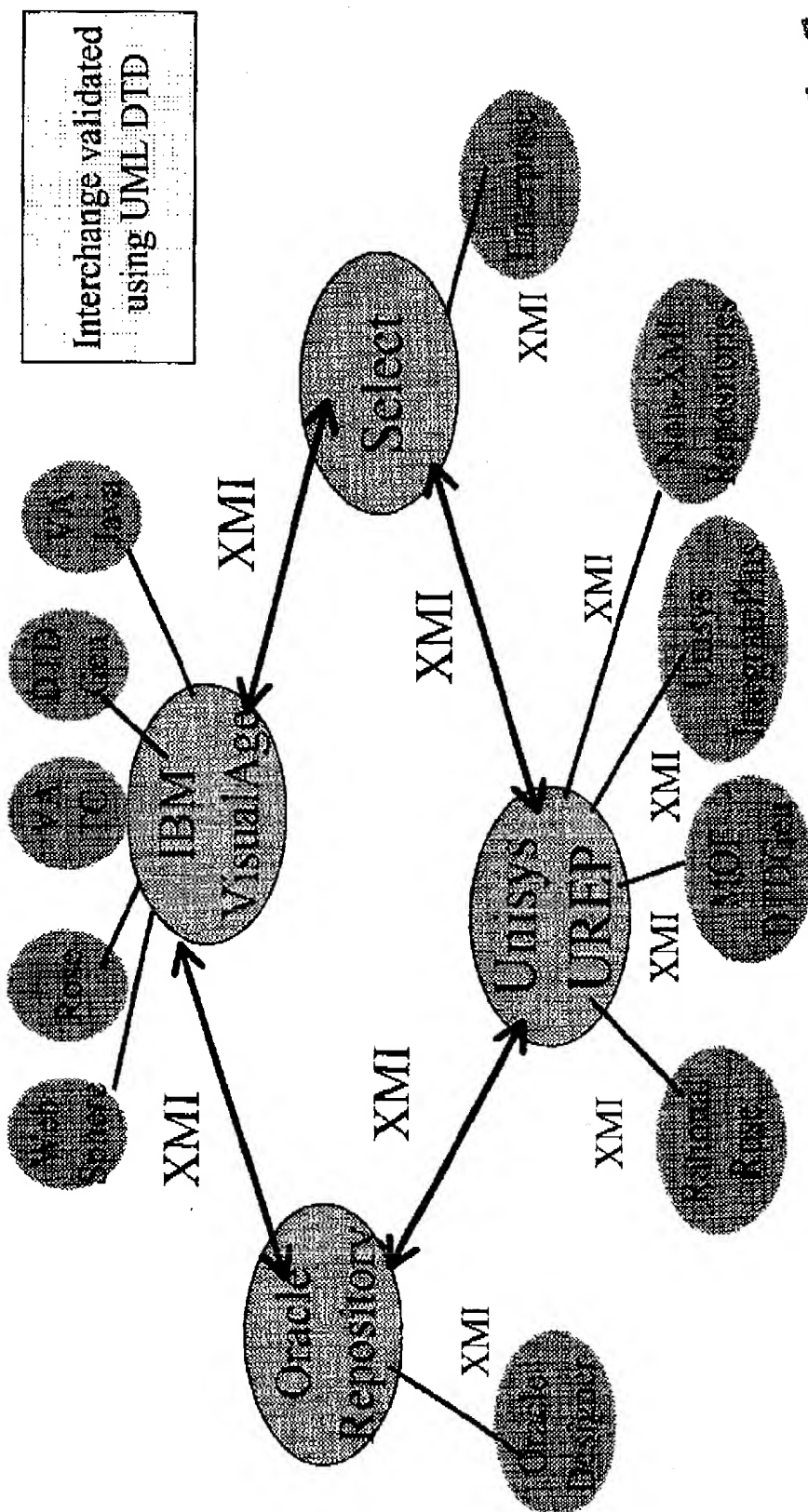
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XMI Works

XMI Interoperability Demo : Nov 98



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Distributed Object Repository Architecture (Unisys UREP)

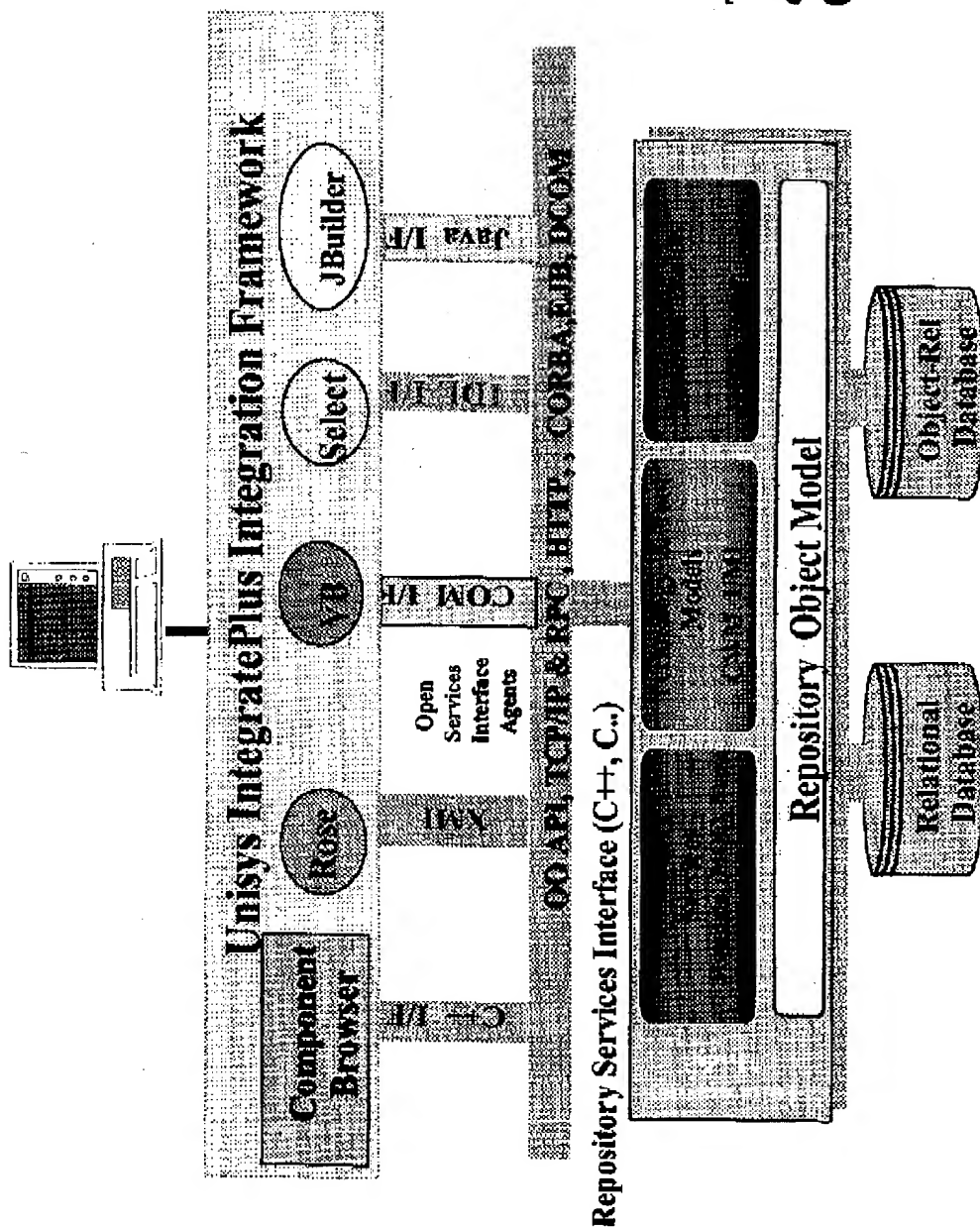
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XML : Concept to Standard to Implementation in record time

12/97	SMIF (Stream based Model Interchange Format) RFP issued by OMG
07/98	Initial submissions (XML, CDIF, UOL)
10/98	Revised submission (XML)
11/98	Proof of concept demonstrations
01/99	OMG Technology Adoption begins
03/99	Initial implementations arrive

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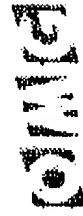
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XMI Evolution

- Managed by OMG Process
- XMI Revision Task Force
 - xmi-rtf@omg.org
 - Members tracking W3C progress
- What is ahead?
 - Evolve with XML (Eg: Namespaces, XML Schema...)
 - Evolve with MOF and UML

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OMG & Meta-Data Coalition

- Microsoft joins MDC and transfers OIM
- Have established liaisons with each other
- Joint OMG/MDC meeting in Philadelphia 3/23
- Collaboration has begun
 - MDC already using OMG UML as a foundation for its Open Information Model
 - Additional collaboration areas under discussion
 - OMG Common Warehouse Metadata Interchange RFP
 - MDC Business Rules and Knowledge Management Models
 - Some companies are members in both organizations
- Next few months will be interesting!

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Summary of Object Repository Industry Efforts and XMI Directions

- Repositories and Tools will be used to construct integrated software suites (build, manage, execution)
- Partial list of Object Repository efforts underway

– Unisys Universal Repository - UREP : 2Q95	{OO: MOF, XML, COM}
– IBM TeamConnection : 1996	{OO: MOF, XMI}
– Microsoft/Platinum/CA Repository : 1Q97	{OO: COM, MOF, XML}
– Oracle Repository : 1999?	{OO: MOF, XMI}
- Other Repositories (non object)
 - PR/MVS and PR/OEE
 - ViaSoft Rochade
 - Softlab Enabler
 - Many tool specific repositories

{OO} Implies Object Orientation is foundational and not an 'after thought'

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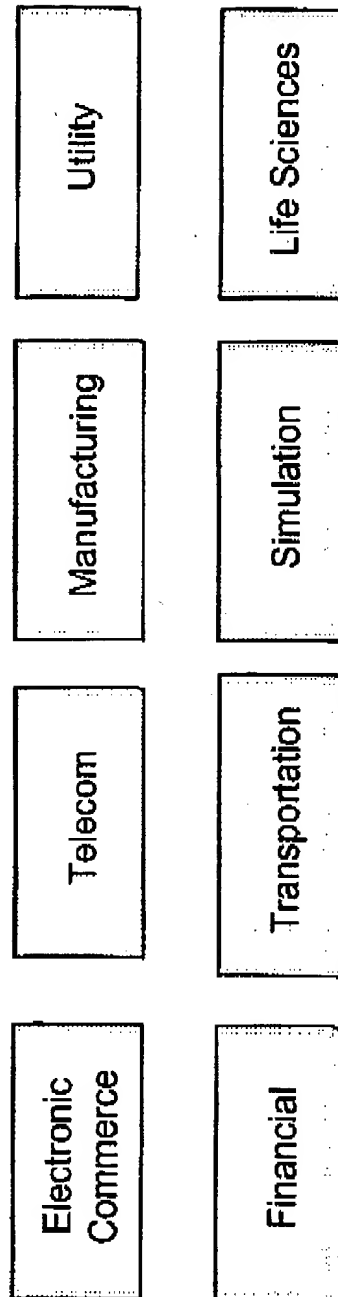
XMI and OMG Current Efforts

- The following standard DTDs are now available on www.omg.org
 - OMG MOF 1.1 & UML 1.1
- The following proposed DTDs are being readied in 1999
 - OMG MOF 1.3 & UML 1.3 (June)
 - OMG CORBA Component Model (August)
 - OMG CORBA Interface Repository (August)
 - OMG Common Warehouse Metadata Interchange - CWM (September)...

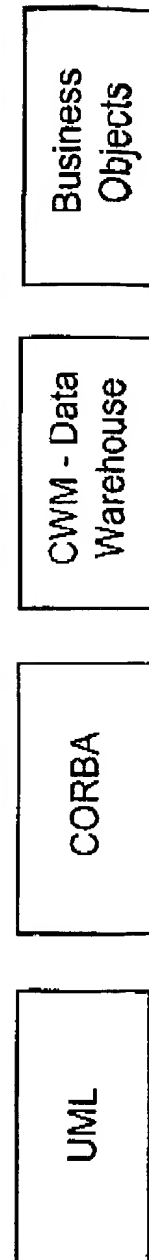
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XMI and the OMG - The Future

Domain



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XML Bandwagon Accelerates

- Vendors and consortia rally around W3C XML
 - OMG XMI for platform and domain technologies
 - XML/EDI
 - Metadata Coalition
 - Microsoft 'BizTalk', SUN Java/XML efforts, IBM XML4J...
 - Enterprise Application Integration
- XML Servers
 - Object Design & Poet XML Repository
 - Blue Stone XML server...

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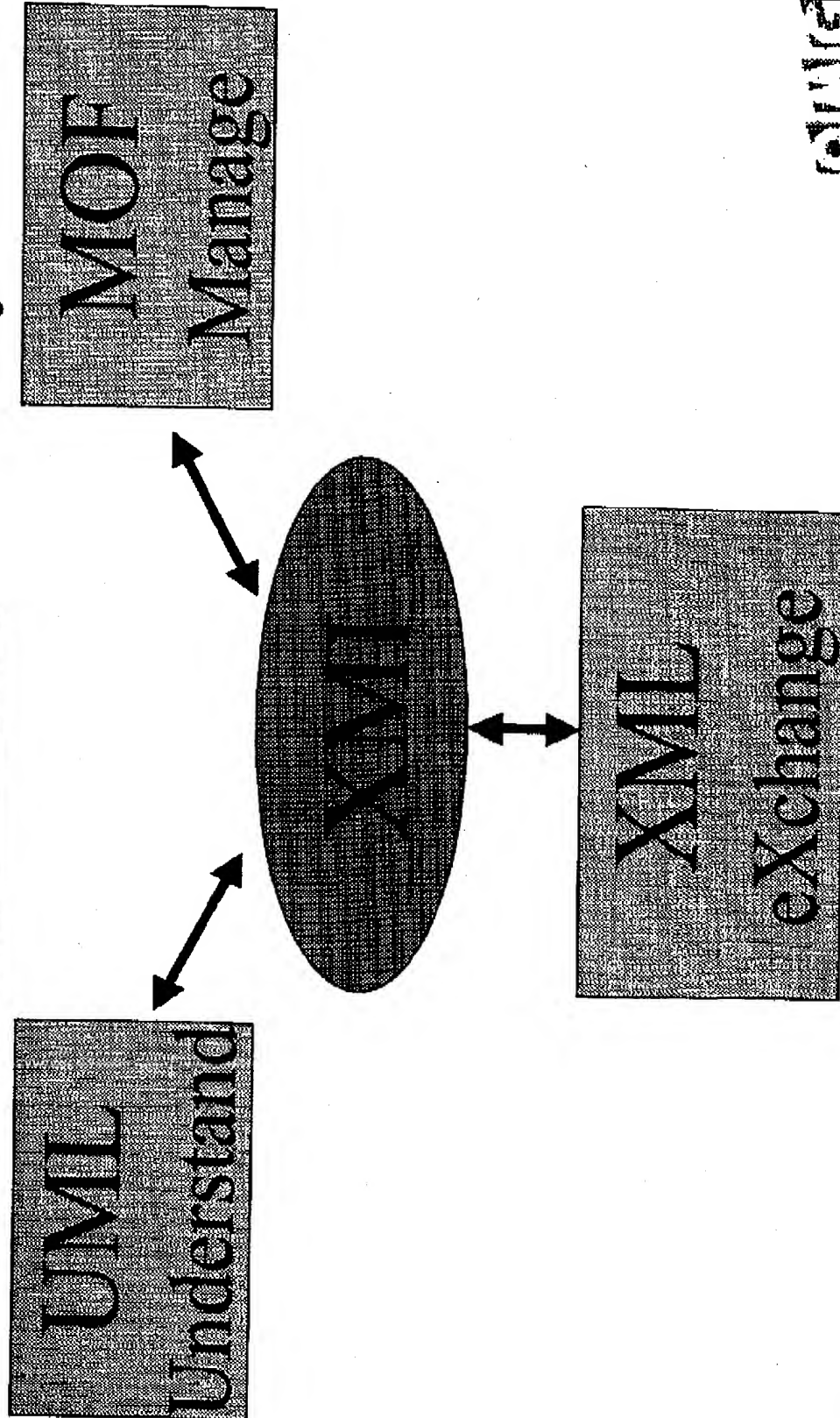
XMI Summary

- The OMG standard for exchanging (meta)data between tools, repositories and applications
- Works with and builds on existing industry standards (W3C XML, OMG UML & MOF)
- Leverages UML & MOF in the design phase
- Use XML for implementing interchange
- Easy to implement and integrate with existing metadata repositories across the Internet
- Technology and middleware neutral
- OMG Adoption - Completed on March 22, 1999

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OMG Metadata Summary

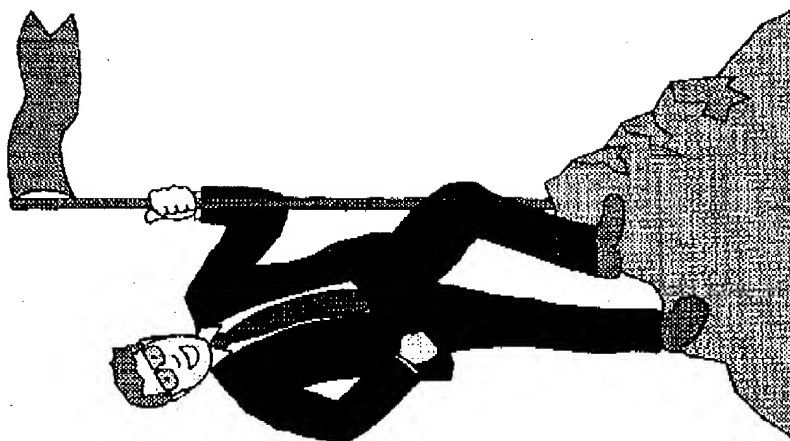


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